

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A semiconductor device having a pad region and a circuit region, comprising:

5 a low-k dielectric film formed on a pad region and a circuit region a substrate, the low-k dielectric film having dielectric constant of 3 or less;

10 an insulating film formed in the low-k dielectric film of the pad region, the insulating film having higher strength than the low-k dielectric film;

15 multi-layer wirings formed in the insulating film of the pad region and in the low-k dielectric film of the circuit region; and

20 a bonding pad formed on a highest wiring of the multi-layer wirings of the pad region.

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2. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein sidewalls of the wiring formed in the pad region are surrounded by the insulating film.

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3. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the low-k dielectric film is an insulating film containing silicon, carbon, oxygen and hydrogen, or a polymer film containing hydrogen and carbon.

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4. A semiconductor device having a pad region and a circuit region, comprising:

25 multi-layer low-k dielectric films formed on a pad region and a circuit region a substrate, each of the multi-layer low-k dielectric films having dielectric constant of 3 or less;

30 insulating films formed in each of the multi-layer low-k dielectric films of the pad region, each of the insulating films having higher strength than the low-k dielectric film;

wirings formed in each of the insulating films of the pad region and in each of the low-k dielectric films of the circuit region; and a bonding pad formed on a highest wiring of the wirings of the pad region.

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5. The semiconductor device according to claim 4, wherein sidewalls of the wirings formed in the pad region are surrounded by the insulating films.

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6. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device having a pad region and a circuit region, comprising:

forming a low-k dielectric film on an entire surface of a substrate, the low-k dielectric film having dielectric constant of 3 or less;

forming an opening in the low-k dielectric film of the pad region;

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forming a first insulating film having higher strength than the low-k dielectric film in the opening; and

forming wirings in the first insulating film of the pad region and in the low-k dielectric film of the circuit region using a damascene process.

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7. The manufacturing method according to claim 6, wherein the forming an opening includes:

forming second insulating film on the low-k dielectric film;

forming a resist pattern on the second insulating film; and

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patterning the second insulating film and the low-k dielectric film using the resist pattern as mask, and

wherein the first insulating film is formed so that a surface of the first insulating film is higher than a surface of the low-k dielectric film and is lower than a surface of the resist pattern.

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8. The manufacturing method according to claim 6, wherein, in the forming a first insulating film, a silicon oxide film is formed using a liquid-phase deposition method.

5 9. The manufacturing method according to claim 6, multi-layer wirings are formed by repeating the forming a low-k dielectric film, forming an opening, forming a first insulating film and forming wirings, and

10 wherein a bonding pad is formed on a highest wiring of the multi-layer wirings of the pad region.